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Castro Red In '48 Revolt

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The U.S. Central Intelligence Agency knew as early as 1948 that Fidel Castro was a Communist, a former military attache and State Department official in Latin America charged today.

Col. Harry Miller, 148 Boca Raton Road, who retired after 32 years service, including almost 15, in South America, said that after the Bogota, Colombia, revolution in 1948, the records of CIA, Colombian and Mexican police all tabbed the revolt as Communist-inspired and listed Castro as one of the ringleaders.

"It is unbelievable that policy makers at an intermediate level didn't know of Castro's

beliefs and politics, when it has been a matter of record since 1948. In fact, the assistant secretary of state for Latin American affairs and the State Department officer in charge of Caribbean desk both were in Bogota and certainly should have known what Castro was," Miller stated.

MILLER CHARGED that our State Department has long been quick to recognize "independent governments to the left." He cited those in Algeria, Dominican Republic and Brazil as examples.

Miller, who served as chief of military mission in Paraguay, military attache in Ecuador, director of foreign aid for the State Department in El Salvador, deputy staff director of Inter-American Defense

Board and as a civilian adviser to Paraguay Army after retirement, called the Alliance for Progress aid program ineffective.

"The chief architect for the Alliance for Progress program was a 28-year-old Harvard Law School graduate who had never been south of the Rio Grande," Miller said. "It is a fallacy in dealing with Latin Americans to base a program on theory and not on facts.

"FOR EXAMPLE, there have been boasts of constructing 3,000 classrooms in South America under this program. What good are they without teachers—except to make a profit for builders? U.S. aid funds are not being used

where they would do the most good, and we are sending too much money and not enough technical help. We must realize that we cannot make the Latins over in our image. It is impossible."

He pointed to land reform as one example of theory, not facts.

"When our officials say land reform, they mean take developed land away from the landholders and ignore the undeveloped land. Are our farms in this country growing smaller? No. Experts say small farms are no longer economical, yet that's the program we're pushing in South America."

Miller also noted:

PEACE CORPS—"Our officials say countries 'beg' for Peace Corps volunteers. This is untrue. Countries have had to be pressured into accepting these people. I know, because I had to do some of the pressuring."

Bay of Pigs—"During training of invasion force in Guatemala, I personally saw many planes with U.S. Air Force markings. I would infer that our military was instrumental in conducting this training."

Cuba—"We are too worried about world opinion and American image. I don't advocate use of force, unless necessary, but I would point out that force is what the Latins understand best."



COL. HARRY MILLER
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